



## ARCHBOLD COMMUNITY THEATRE 2009/2010 SEASON



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### *IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE*

Opening the season will be *It's a Wonderful Life*. In our American culture *It's a Wonderful Life* has become almost as familiar as Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. The story is the saga of George Bailey, the Everyman from the small town of Bedford Falls, whose dreams of escape and adventure have been squashed by family obligation and civic duty, whose guardian angel has to descend on Christmas Eve to save him from despair and to remind him by showing him what the world would have been like had he never been born that his has been, after all, a wonderful life. This faithful adaptation has all your favorite characters: George and Mary Hatch, Clarence, Uncle Billy, Violet, and, of course, the Scrooge-like villain, Mr. Potter. This fine dramatization not only celebrates the faith of the season, it also celebrates the American philosophy of life: hard work, fair play and the love and support of one's family and community will be rewarded. Performance dates are December 4, 5, 11, 12 and 13. This will make an excellent Christmas party for your group or organization.

### ***ANGEL STREET***

On March 5, 6, 12, 13 and 14, ACT will present the thriller, *Angel Street*. A Broadway hit first produced in London under the title *Gaslight* and filmed twice, *Angel Street* tells the story of the Manningshams who live on Angel Street in the 19th Century. When the curtain rises, all appears to be peaceful. It is soon apparent that Mr. Manningham, a suavely sinister and handsome man, is slowly torturing his gentle, devoted wife Bella, into insanity under the guise of kindness. While he is out, Mrs. Manningham has an unexpected caller: amiable, paternal Inspector Rough from Scotland Yard. Rough is convinced that Manningham is a maniacal criminal wanted for a murder committed fifteen years earlier in this very house. Gradually the hearty and understanding Rough restores Mrs. Manningham's confidence in herself and they build up evidence against Manningham, managing this exciting and fascinating task shrewdly but not succeeding until the author has built up and sustained some of the most brilliant suspense in the modern theatre. The secret of the dimming gaslight and the mystery of the hidden rubies will captivate all.

### ***SEUSSICAL***

The third production of this exciting season is the musical, *Seussical*. Now one of the most performed shows in America, *Seussical* is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza! They have lovingly brought to life all of our favorite Dr. Seuss characters, including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, lazy Mayzie, and a little boy with a big imagination--Jojo. "Oh, the Thinks You Can Think" captures the show's spirit of imagination, as the colorful characters transport us from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus to the invisible world of the Whos.

The story centers around Horton the Elephant, who finds himself faced with a double challenge--not only must he protect his tiny friend Jojo (and all the invisible Whos) from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg, left to his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him, the only one who recognizes "his kind and his powerful heart." Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant, in a story that makes you laugh and cry. Production dates are July 16, 17, 23, 24 and 25.

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## *ANNE OF GREEN GABLES*

Closing the 2009-2010 season will be the family production of *Anne of Green Gables* on September 24, 25 and October 1, 2 and 3. This show will give family members of all ages a chance to be in a production together or to go see the production together.

When elderly Marilla Cuthbert and her shy brother Matthew decide to adopt an orphan to help with farm work, they expect a boy to arrive at the train station. Instead, a talkative, imaginative girl with fiery red hair and a taste for romance shows up-Anne (with an E) Shirley. What use will she be to them? asks reserved Marilla, but tender-hearted Matthew feels they might be of some use to Anne. It turns out that all three are much more than useful to one another-they're as vital as breathing. In joyful, hilarious adventures familiar to generations of readers of the beloved classic novel, Anne apologizes to neighbor Rachel Lynde, finds a bosom friend in Diana Barry, saves Diana's little sister, deals with the loss of Marilla's amethyst brooch, meets Gilbert Blythe, bemoans her hair, falls off a roof (sort of), and nearly drowns.

### Calendar of Events

Director's Letter of Interest Deadline for *It's a Wonderful Life* – July 4

*The Sound of Music* – July 17, 18, 24 at 25 at 7:30 PM and July 26 at 2:30 PM @ Archbold High School.

Director's Letter of Interest Deadline for *Angel Street* – Sept. 4

*Willy Wonka Jr* – Sept. 25, 26 and October 2 & 3 at 8:00 PM and October 4 at 2:30 PM @ Giffey Hall

ACT Annual Meeting – October 5 at 7:30 PM @ Giffey Hall

Director's Letter of Interest Deadline for *Seussical* – October 16

*It's a Wonderful Life* – Dec. 4, 5, 11 and 12 at 8:00 PM and December 13 at 2:30 PM @ Giffey Hall. Dinner theaters are available.

*Angel Street* – March 5, 6, 12 and 13 at 8:00 PM and March 14 at 2:30 PM @ Giffey Hall

*Seussical* – July 16, 17, 23 and 24 at 8:00 PM and July 25 at 2:30 PM @ Archbold High School.

*Anne of Green Gables* – Sept. 24 and 25 and October 1 and 2 at 8:00 PM and Oct. 3 at 2:30 PM @ Giffey Hall.